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ITEM 3 - MANAGEMENT OF PROGRAM EXPENDITURES IN RELATION
TO IPF'S

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1. SUMMARY: PER REFTTEL DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR PATEL INTRODUCED GUIDE-
LINES FOR TRANSITION BETWEEN FIRST PROGRAMMING CYCLE (1972-76) AND
SECOND CYCLE (1977-81) AS SET FORTH IN DP/58. AFTER 8 DAYS OF
DETAILED INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS, LIMITED DECISION APPROVING
ADMINISTRATOR'S REQUEST APPROVED BY COUNCIL CONSENSUS ON JUNE 15.
END SUMMARY.

2. PER REFTTEL DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR PATEL INTRODUCED DP/58 ON
JUNE 6. DURING WEEK OF JUNE 10 INFORMAL CAUCUS WITH REPRESENTATIVES
FROM ALL REGIONS WORKED WITH UNDP SECRETARIAT STAFF TOWARD COMPROMISE
DECISION THAT COULD BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL CONSENSUS. US, UPPER VOLTA
AND A FEW OTHER DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CARTE BLANCHE
APPROVAL OF DP/58 GUIDELINES, PERMITTING BALANCE OF UNDER-
EXPENDITURE OF FIRST CYCLE IPF TO BE TRANSFERRED AND ADDED TO
COUNTRY'S SECOND CYCLE IPF, WOULD WEAKEN IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT.
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UNDP STAFF (FELDMAN) PRODUCE IMPLEMENTATION FIGURES INDICATING THAT

EXPENDITURE RATE IN MOST LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AT END OF 1973
WAS RUNNING AS HIGH AS EXPENDITURE RATE IN MOST RECIPIENT COUNTRIES
AT UPPER END OF INCOME SCALE.

3. AFTER LONG WEEK OF NEGOTIATIONS, COUNCIL APPROVED IN PLENARY
ON JUNE 15 DECISION: (A) PERMITS COMMITMENTS FOR RECIPIENT COUNTRIES
ABOVE THEIR IPF LEVEL PROVIDED EXPENDITURES FOR ALL COUNTRIES ARE
POSSIBLE TO FULL EXTENT OF THEIR IPF DURING CURRENT DEVELOPMENT
CYCLE; (B) PERMITS OVER-EXPENDITURE FOR A RECIPIENT COUNTRY, LIMITED
PRIMARILY TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE NEXT CYCLE ILLUSTRATIVE IPF
IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN PRESENT IPF; (C) AUTHORIZES ALL
COUNTRIES TO CARRY FORWARD TO SECOND CYCLE BALANCE OF UNDER-
EXPENDITURE OR TO DEBIT FROM SECOND CYCLE IPF BALANCE OF OVER-
EXPENDITURE AND (D) REQUESTS ADMINISTRATOR TO REPORT LEVEL OF
FIRST CYCLE APPROVALS AND EXPENDITURES AND TO DETERMINE PRINCIPAL
REASONS FOR UNDER-EXPENDITURE DURING FIRST CYCLE ALONG WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS TO REMOVE THESE PROBLEMS IN NEXT CYCLE.
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